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M I N U T E S

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Voting Members Present

Julia Anderson

Cheryl Buette-meier

Sandy Duncan

Kari Tanta

Donna Borgford-Parnell

Heather Kawamoto

Representing

Muckleshoot Tribal School

Boyer Children's Clinic

CHAP

Valley Medical Center

Seattle King County Public Health

Puget Sound ESD

Community Members

Dawn Huo

Kathy Tekolske

Cecile Lindquist

Ginger Kwan

Laurie Vanderbloom

Arc of King County

UW, CHDD

Wee Care Coalition

A.C.E.

CSSV

Staff Present

Jan Wrathall

Jane Campbell

Katherine Festa

Elaine Goddard

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Introductions

Sandy Duncan opened the meeting and asked for introductions. .

Approval of Minutes

09130401 Sandy Duncan asked for corrections or additions to the July Minutes. Several corrections were noted. A motion was made to approve the July Minutes as revised. The motion was approved. Corrected minutes can be found on the KCI CC web site.

Community Announcements & ICC Member Reports

- Sno-Valley announced that they have an open position, and are looking for candidates. Laurie Vanderbloom passed out a copy of the job announcement, and asked people to help publicize.
- Sandy Duncan invited everyone to the next FRC training to be held on Thursday, September 16th. The topic is "An overview of A Framework for Understanding Poverty", presented by Mary Perkins of ESD 113.
- Sandy Duncan also announced that there will be a parenting class on September 23rd, sponsored by Hopelink.
- Information was passed out on the Alien Emergency Medicaid Plan.
- The group was reminded of King County's Cross Agency Systems Training on October 26th.
- Jan announced that there will be a Multicultural Gathering at Dimmit Middle School, in Renton, on October 1st.
- Wonderland is looking for a special educator to work full time or in a job share. They need certificated staff with an OSPI endorsement.
- Northshore Family Center will have an open house on October 1st from 5:00-8:00 pm. The evening will include workshops, classes, and activities.
- Hearing, Speech & Deafness has a training schedule for signing classes for children and adults.
- Kari Tanta announced that Valley Medical Center has a program offering \$5.00 bike helmets to children over age 1. The program includes helmet fitting.
- Jane Campbell announced that there will be an opportunity for public comment on September 14th for the new DDD eligibility WAC.

Guest Presentations:

- Kathy Tekolske, from the University of Washington, gave an overview of a pilot project in Snohomish County designed to identify kids needing services beginning at about 18 months. The group reviewed the current system to identify areas for improvement. They found that the established system relies heavily on primary care physicians and programs such as Head Start to perform developmental screening. The group decided to mail out ASQ screening information directly to families with children 18 months old. The response rate was good, and after 2 months of mailings, the project identified 8 new children eligible for early intervention services. Feedback from families regarding the ASQ tool was mostly positive. Families generally appreciated the information and support. The group also mailed out a physician survey to determine what tools are being used to screen children. The responses revealed that half are not using standardized screening tools.

Jan Wrathall reminded the group that the Action Agenda sub-committee is working on improving access to early intervention services. She asked Kathy if this project is available to replicate. Kathy indicated that the full report is available, including cost analysis and the forms that were developed. Kathy can e-mail the full report to anyone who is interested.

Jan expressed concern that some ethnic communities may not be accessing the public system. Jan asked for advice on reaching out to underserved communities. Kathy suggested examining questions in the screening that may not be culturally valid, by contacting ethnic communities, and translating the materials into other languages. Ginger Kwan informed the group that terminology often has different cultural meanings and cannot always be directly translated. We must continue to strive to get feed back and improve outreach to diverse communities.

Jan announced that this presentation will be repeated at the next Early Intervention Action committee.

- Cecile Lindquist gave status on the Birth to Three bill which is currently in the legislature. This bill would require all school districts to provide early intervention services to children, birth to three, with developmental disabilities. Currently 50% of School Districts provide 0-3 services voluntarily. This creates inequity because more resources are going into School Districts that participate. During the last session, the bill sailed through the House, passing unanimously. However, it died without a hearing in the Senate. The Wee Care Coalition met with the Senate Chairperson to respond to concerns, and has hopes that the bill will be successful next session.

Cecile also reported that there has been recent success bringing some School Districts on board voluntarily. She is currently working on the Seattle and Kent School Districts. She asked people to talk to their legislators to ask for support of the Birth to Three bill, and also to encourage their local school districts to participate in 0-3 services. Everyone was encouraged to go to the Washington State Special Education Coalition web site at www.wssec.org to get more information, and to call Cecile if you have any questions.

Ongoing Business

- Katherine Festa handed out a draft of the "King County Early Intervention Transition Notebook for Parents by Parents". The notebook was put together by the Parent Services committee working on the transition process. Katherine asked for feedback on the content. The initial reaction was that the amount of content was too much for most parents. It was suggested that the text-dense narrative be broken out into more of a bullet format so that points could be easily extracted. The group also suggested that the committee look into the issue of cultural relevance. A question was raised regarding distribution. There is a plan to put this information on the internet. Jan asked that the group not be too reliant on the web because many people do not have easy access to the internet. The group was asked to review the materials and give feedback to Katherine.Festa@metrokc.gov.
- Katherine also updated the group on the Transition Survey. She is working on improving the survey to make it shorter, and more user friendly, in order to get better information from families. The current survey asks for a systems perspective - it does not contain agency specific questions. Kari thinks it should be kept at a system level, and that providers should get their own data. It was suggested that Katherine send the survey out to FRCs and to the KCI CC group for feedback.
- Jan reported on the last State ICC meeting. Dennis Bradick discussed many issues, including funding problems, school district participation, county participation, and Medicaid accessibility. They are looking into how the State and Agencies can increase collaboration. The ICC was disappointed that kids with developmental disabilities were not mentioned in the education reform benchmark project. It was suggested that Susan Sandall be on the committee to ensure representation.

Lead agency report:

- Jan announced that Carol Greenough has retired, and that Ray Jensen is the new Director of King County Developmental Disabilities. In addition, Jane Campbell has been hired as Assistant Director. Jane oversees 0-3 and community access services.

She is working on better collaboration with participating schools districts and the service community.

- Jan encouraged everyone to attend the King County DD Board Meeting. The Board is recruiting new members, and they would like to get more 0-3 representation. If you know anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact Jan for information.
- ITEIP Contracts expire September 30. Jan is working on new contracts for October through December.

Other Business:

- Ginger Kwan, with A.C.E., spoke about reducing cultural barriers to people accessing system information. Her group surveyed families from diverse backgrounds on how they access information. They found that most families don't use the web due to language barriers, and other cultural barriers. Most individuals rely on family members to get information and support. Her group is developing a cultural broker system consisting of bilingual staff who know families and who will help translate needs and services. They will also educate providers on how to serve culturally diverse individuals. Ginger would like to interview FRCs to get their perspective on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be November 8th at Work Source in Renton.